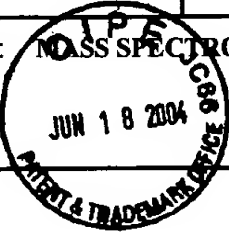
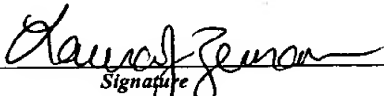
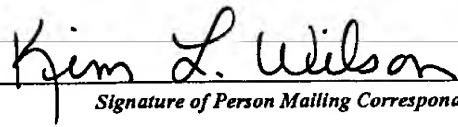
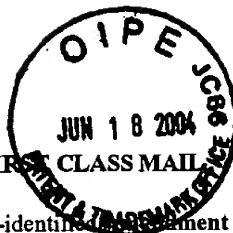


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Applicant(s): Randall W. Nelson et al.					
Serial No. 09/024,988	Filing Date February 17, 1998	Examiner Anne L. Holleran		Group Art Unit 1642	
Invention: MASS SPECTROMETRIC IMMUNOASSAY					
					
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In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, the period of response for which is hereby extended by six months to June 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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